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### **Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following parties oppose registration of the indicated application.

### **Opposers Information**

Name	Football Northwest LLC
Granted to Date of previous extension	06/08/2016
Address	12 Seahawks Way Renton, WA 98056 UNITED STATES

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Granted to Date of previous extension	06/08/2016
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## **Applicant Information**

Application No	86549369	Publication date	02/09/2016
Opposition Filing Date	06/08/2016	Opposition Peri- od Ends	06/08/2016
Applicant	Concept Creative 2221 77th Avenue N.E. Medina, WA 98039 UNITED STATES		

### Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 035. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Promoting sports competitions and events of others

### **Grounds for Opposition**

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act Section 2(d)
Dilution by blurring	Trademark Act Sections 2 and 43(c)

# Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	3341813	Application Date	04/06/2006	
Registration Date	11/20/2007	Foreign Priority Date	NONE	
Word Mark	SPIRIT OF 12			
Design Mark	SPIRIT OF 12			
Description of Mark	NONE			
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 2006/06/30 First Use In Commerce: 2006/08/12 Arranging for ticket reservations for shows and other entertainment events; Arranging of contests; Arranging of exhibitions, seminars and conferences; Awards program for major corporations and individuals who have made significant charitable contributions; Charitable services, namely, providing sporting goods to underprivileged children; Contests and incentive award programs to encourage studentsand organization members to set up and achieve goals in academics, attendance, citizenship and conduct; Entertainment in the nature of football games; Entertainment services, namely, arranging and conducting of competitions in the nature of games of skill and chance and spirit competitions for sports fans; Entertainment services, namely, conducting contests; Entertainment services, namely, providing a television program in the field offootball via a global computer network; Entertainment, namely, live music concerts; Fan clubs; Operation of sports camps; Organization of games; Organization of sports events in the field of football; Organizing community sporting and cultural events; Organizing exhibitions for the entertainment of football fans; Providing facilities for sports tournaments; Providing newsletters in the field of football via e-mail; Providing various facilities for an array of sporting events, sports and athletic competitions and awards programmes; Sport camps			
U.S. Registration	3540842	Application Date	01/12/2007	

U.S. Registration No.	3540842	Application Date	01/12/2007
Registration Date	12/02/2008	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	BRING ON THE 12		

Design Mark	BRING ON THE 12
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 2006/12/31 First Use In Commerce: 2006/12/31 Arranging for ticket reservations for shows and other entertainment events; Arranging of contests; Arranging of exhibitions, seminars and conferences; Entertainment in the nature of football games; Entertainment services, namely, arrangingand conducting of football competition games of skill for sport fans; Entertainment services, namely, conducting contests; Entertainment services, namely, providing a television program in the field of football via a global computer network; Fan clubs; Operation of sports camps; Organization of games; Organization of sports events in the field of football; Providing newsletters in the field of football via e-mail

U.S. Registration No.	3633279	Application Date	06/07/2006
Registration Date	06/02/2009	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	The mark consists of an imag center of the number "12".	e of the fan displayir	ng the "#1" hand sign in the
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Us Entertainment services, name		se In Commerce: 2008/08/15 nducting of competitions for

sports fans; Entertainment services, namely, conducting contests; Fan clubs;
Organizing exhibitions for football fans

U.S. Registration No.	4701098	Application Date	12/31/2013
Registration Date	03/10/2015	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	WE ARE 12	•	•
Design Mark	WE A	ARE	12
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Bottoms; Caps; Jerseys; Pan Class 041. First use: First Us Arranging for ticket reservation ranging of contests; Entertain mentservices, namely, arrang skill and chance and spirit conamely, conducting contests; sportsevents in the field of for tertainment purposes; Organizanizing exhibitions for the enevents, namely, football; Provevents; Providing on-line new newsletters in the field of foot	ts; Shirts; Tops; Wrap e: 2014/10/14 First Upons for shows and oth ment in thenature of ging and conducting of mpetitions for sports. Fan clubs; Organisa otball; Organizing and izing community sport tertainment of footbationing information relations sletters in the field of tball via e-mail; Provide	se In Commerce: 2014/10/14 her entertainment events; Arfootball games; Entertainfor competitions for games of fans; Entertainment services, tion of games; Organisation of diarranging exhibitions for enting and cultural events; Orll fans; Organizing sporting ing to sports and sporting

U.S. Registration No.	4773578	Application Date	11/08/2013
Registration Date	07/14/2015	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12S		
Design Mark		12S	
Description of	NONE		

Mark	
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 2014/02/02 First Use In Commerce: 2014/02/02
	Arranging for ticket reservations for professional football games and other football entertainment events connected with professional football; arranging of contests for fans in connection with professional football games; entertainment inthe nature of professional football games; entertainment services, namely, arranging and conducting of competitions forgames of skill and chance and spirit competitions for professional football sports fans; entertainment services, namely, conducting contests for fans in connection with professional football games; fan clubs for professional football fans; organization of professional football games and games for professional footballfans; organization of sports events in the field of professional football; organizing community sporting and cultural events; organizing exhibitions for the entertainment of professional football fans; organizing sporting events, namely, professional football and sporting eventsfor professional football fans; providing information relating to professional sports and professional sporting events; providing on-line newsletters in the field of professional football via email

	mail		
U.S. Registration No.	4775754	Application Date	09/09/2014
Registration Date	07/21/2015	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12		
Design Mark		6	
Description of Mark	background.		l in black on a blue rectangular
Goods/Services	Arranging for ticket reservation ranging of contests; Entertain mentservices, namely, arrang skill and chance and spirit conamely, conducting contests	ons for shows and other nment in thenature of ging and conducting of mpetitions for sports ; Fan clubs; Organiza otball; Organizing and izing community spor	football games; Entertain- of competitions for games of fans; Entertainment services, tion of games; Organization of d arranging exhibitions for en- ting and cultural events; Or-

events,namely, football; Providing informationrelating to sports and sporting events;Providing on-line newsletters in the field of football; Providing online
newsletters in the field of football via e-mail

U.S. Registration No.	4795923	Application Date	11/08/2013
Registration Date	08/18/2015	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	THE 12S	•	•
Design Mark	TH	E 12	2S
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Arranging for ticket reservation ball entertainment events cortests for fans in connection with nature of professional football ging and conducting of complements for professional namely, conducting contests games; Fan clubs for professional games and games	ons for professional for nected with professional football games; Entertainmentations forgames of sometitions forgames of sometitions in connections for fans in connections for fans in connections on all football fans; orgofessional football; Organiz whibitions for the enter governts, namely, profull fans; Providing infoorting events; Providir	onal football; Arranging of con- all games; Entertainment inthe ent services, namely, arran- skill and chance and spirit Entertainment services, in with professional football ganization of professional foot- s; organization of sports ing community sporting and entainment of professional foot- fessional football and sporting rmation relating to profession- ing on-line newsletters in the

U.S. Registration No.	3304717	Application Date	06/30/2006
Registration Date	10/02/2007	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12		

Design Mark	
Description of Mark	The mark consists of The digit "1" is light blue, the digit "2" is dark blue. The image of the fan in the center is white and the "#1" hand sign is light blue.
Goods/Services	Class 036. First use: First Use: 2006/06/30 First Use In Commerce: 2006/08/12
	Accepting and administering monetary charitable contributions; Charitable fund raising; Philanthropic services concerning monetary donations; Political fundraising services; Providing college scholarships; Providing educational scholarships; Providing grants to charitable organizations

U.S. Registration No.	3300096	Application Date	06/30/2006
Registration Date	09/25/2007	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12		

Design Mark	
Description of Mark	The mark consists of The image of the fan displaying the #1 hand sign in the center of the number 12.
Goods/Services	Class 036. First use: First Use: 2006/06/30 First Use In Commerce: 2006/08/12
	Accepting and administering monetary charitable contributions; Charitable fund raising; Philanthropic services concerning monetary donations; Political fundraising services; Providing college scholarships; Providing educational scholarships; Providing grants to charitable organizations

U.S. Registration No.	3413381	Application Date	06/30/2006
Registration Date	04/15/2008	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	SPIRIT OF 12		
Design Mark	SPIRIT OF 12		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 036. First use: First Use: 2006/06/30 First Use In Commerce: 2006/08/12 Accepting and administering monetary charitable contributions; Charitable fund raising; Philanthropic services concerning monetary donations; Political fundraising services; Providing college scholarships; Providing educational scholarships; Providing grants to charitable organizations		

U.S. Registration	4692528	Application Date	07/31/2014
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No.			
Registration Date	02/24/2015	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12		
Design Mark	NONE		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 025. First use: First Use: 1984/10/00 First Use In Commerce: 2012/04/05		
	Capes; Jerseys; Long-sleeved shirts; Shirts; Short-sleeved or long-sleeved t-shirts; Short-sleeved shirts; Sports jerseys; Sweatshirts; T-shirts; Tops		
U.S. Registration	4631412	Application Date	02/09/2014

U.S. Registration No.	4631412	Application Date	02/09/2014
Registration Date	11/04/2014	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12		

Design Mark		
Description of Mark	The mark consists of a stylized "12" ina white line stylization outlined in black on a blue rectangular background.	
Goods/Services	Class 024. First use: First Use: 2003/10/12 First Use In Commerce: 2003/10/12 Banners and flags of textile; Cloth flags; Fabric flags; Towels	

U.S. Registration No.	4611448	Application Date	02/09/2014
Registration Date	09/23/2014	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	12		
Design Mark		9	
Description of Mark	The mark consists of a stylize a blue rectangular backgroun		stylization outlined in black on
Goods/Services	Class 016. First use: First Use	e: 2013/12/16 First U	se In Commerce: 2013/12/16

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Flags and pennants of paper; Flags of paper; Paper flags

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### **Certificate of Service**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by First Class Mail on this date.

Signature	/Kristin H. Altoff/
Name	Kristin H. Altoff
Date	06/08/2016

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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FOOTBALL NORTHWEST LLC and NFL PROPERTIES LLC,	
Opposers,	In re Application Serial No. 86/549,369 Mark: 12 DYNASTY
v.	Published: February 9, 2016
CONCEPT CREATIVE,	Opposition No
Applicant.	

#### **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Opposers Football Northwest LLC and NFL Properties LLC ("Opposers") believe they will be damaged by registration of the designation 12 DYNASTY shown in Application Serial No. 86/549,369 ("Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation"), filed by Concept Creative, a Washington limited liability company located near Seattle, Washington ("Applicant") for use in connection with "promoting sports competitions and events of others" in Class 35. Opposers hereby oppose registration of Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation under the provisions of Sections 2(d), 13, 43(a) and 43(c) of the Trademark Act of July 5, 1946 (the "Lanham Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1052(d), 1063, and 1125(c).

As grounds for opposition, Opposers allege that:

1. Opposer Football Northwest LLC d/b/a Seattle Seahawks (the "Seahawks" or "Seahawks Club") is a Washington limited liability company, with a principal place of business at 12 Seahawks Way, Renton, Washington 98056. The Seahawks Club owns and operates a professional football team and provides entertainment services to the public in the form of competitive professional football games. The Seahawks Club is one of the thirty-two member clubs (the "Member Clubs") of the National Football League ("NFL").

- 2. Opposer NFL Properties LLC ("NFLP") is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business at 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York, 10154. NFLP represents the NFL and its thirty-two Member Clubs for the licensing and protection of their names, logos, symbols, and other identifying marks and is charged with protecting these marks and the rights of the NFL and the Member Clubs with respect thereto.
- 3. For many years, and long before the February 28, 2015, filing date of Applicant's intent-to-use application, Opposers have used the mark 12 and variations thereof ("Opposers' 12 Marks") in connection with their business of organizing, conducting, and promoting the Seahawks football franchise.
- 4. For many years, and long before the February 28, 2015, filing date of Applicant's intent-to-use application, Opposers and their authorized business partners, sponsors, and/or licensees have used Opposers' 12 Marks on or in connection with the sale of a wide variety of goods and services related to the business of organizing, conducting, and promoting the Seahawks football franchise.
- 5. In addition to the common law rights in Opposers' 12 Marks, the Seahawks Club owns registrations and applications for many of Opposers' 12 Marks used in connection with entertainment services in the form of football games and exhibitions and promotional and merchandising products and services, including, among others, the following registrations issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO"):

Registration Number	Mark	International Class	Date of First Use in Commerce
3,341,813	SPIRIT OF 12	41	8/12/2006
3,540,842	BRING ON THE 12	41	12/31/2006
3,633,279	12 Stylized	41	8/15/2008
4,701,098	WE ARE 12	25, 41	12/19/2013 (Cl. 25) 10/14/2014 (Cl. 41)
4,773,578	12S	41	02/02/2014
4,775,754	12 Stylized	41	10/12/2003
4,795,923	THE 12S	41	03/31/2015
3,304,717	12 Stylized	36	8/12/2006
3,300,096	12 Stylized	36	8/12/2006
3,413,381	SPIRIT OF 12	36	8/12/2006
4,692,528	12 Stylized	25	4/5/2012

Registration Number	Mark	International Class	Date of First Use in Commerce
4,631,412	12 Stylized	24	10/12/2003
4,611,448	12 Stylized	16	12/16/2013

- 6. The registrations referenced above are valid and subsisting, in full force and effect, and constitute *prima facie* and/or conclusive evidence of the Seahawks Club's exclusive right to use the marks in commerce in connection with the goods and services specified in the registrations.
- 7. The following registrations referenced above are incontestable pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1065, and constitute conclusive evidence of the Seahawks Club's exclusive right to use the marks in commerce in connection with the goods and services specified in the registrations: 3,341,813; 3,300,096; 3,304,717; 3,413,381; 3,540,842 and 3,633,279.
- 8. During the longstanding, widespread and continuous use of Opposers' 12 Marks, Opposers and their authorized business partners, sponsors, and licensees have expended considerable time, effort, and money in advertising and publicizing the sale of goods and services bearing the Opposers' 12 Marks.

- 9. Opposers and their licensees and sponsors have sold and offered for sale goods and services bearing Opposers' 12 Marks in a trading area of broad geographical scope encompassing the United States, including its territories.
- 10. Opposers and their licensees and sponsors have sold and offered for sale goods and services bearing Opposers' 12 Marks in numerous channels of trade.
- 11. Opposers' 12 Marks are symbolic of the extensive goodwill and consumer recognition that Opposers have established through substantial expenditures of time, effort and other resources in the advertising and promotion of the goods and services Opposers sell and offer for sale under Opposers' 12 Marks.
  - 12. The colors used by and associated with the Seahawks Club include green and blue.
- 13. As a result of Opposers' regular, extensive and well-publicized use, Opposers' 12 Marks are famous in the United States and are associated exclusively with Opposers and their high quality goods and services.
- 14. On February 28, 2015, Applicant filed an application under Section 1(b) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051(b), for federal registration of Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation shown in Application Serial No. 86/549,369.
- 15. The application for Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation covers "promoting sports competitions and events of others" in Class 35.
- 16. Upon information and belief, Applicant is using or intends to use Applicant's 12DYNASTY Designation in a manner that intentionally trades off of the goodwill of Opposers' 12Marks.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Applicant is using or intends to use Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation in connection with the colors blue and green, identical to the colors

used by and associated with the Seahawks Club, and with the "12" portion of the mark in the same or a similar font to that used by the Seahawks Club and covered by several registrations for Opposers' 12 Marks.

- 18. Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation, Application Serial No. 86/549,369, was published for opposition in the *Official Gazette* on February 9, 2016.
- 19. The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board extended the opposition period for Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation by granting Opposers' timely requests for extensions. The opposition period for Application Serial No. 86/549,369 currently expires on June 8, 2016. Therefore, Opposers timely file this opposition.
  - 20. Opposers' rights in and to Opposers' 12 Marks are superior to those of Applicant.
- 21. Opposers' 12 Marks are famous and became famous before the filing date or any use of Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation.
- 22. Applicant's application for and any use of Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation are without the consent, authorization, or license of Opposers.
- 23. Opposers believe they will be damaged by registration of Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation under Section 13 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1063, on the ground that the subject designation so resembles Opposers' 12 Marks used by Opposers in the United States as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the services identified in the application for Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation, to cause confusion, mistake or to deceive consumers, with consequent injury to Opposers and to the public, in violation of Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d).
- 24. Opposers believe they will be damaged by registration of Applicant's 12

  DYNASTY Designation under Section 13 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1063, because the use

and registration of Applicant's 12 DYNASTY Designation is likely to dilute the distinctive

quality of Opposers' famous 12 Marks, in violation of Section 43(c) of the Lanham Act, 15

U.S.C. § 1125(c).

WHEREFORE, Opposers believe they will be damaged by registration of Applicant's 12

DYNASTY Designation shown in Application Serial No. 86/549,369 and respectfully request

that the registration sought by Applicant be refused.

Dated: June 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Opposition has been sent via first class mail, postage pre-paid on this  $8^{th}$  day of June 2016 to:

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